

Notice of Agency Rule-making Proposal

AGENCY: DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION**RULE TITLE OR SUBJECT:** CHAPTER 156, CO2 BUDGET TRADING PROGRAM AMENDMENTS and CHAPTER 158, CO2 BUDGET TRADING PROGRAM AUCTION PROVISIONS**PROPOSED RULE NUMBER:****CONCISE SUMMARY:**

The Department is proposing amendments to Chapter 156, which established a carbon dioxide cap-and-trade program in Maine to stabilize and reduce man-made emissions of CO₂, a greenhouse gas, from large electric generators. These amendments reflect statutory changes passed by the Legislature pertaining to the definition of fossil fuel-fired, the creation of voluntary renewable energy set-aside provisions, and other clarifications. The Department is also proposing the new rule, Chapter 158, which establishes provisions for implementing and administering CO₂ allowance auctions, requirements for participation and the process for bids and transfer of allowances.

Copies of these rules are available upon request by contacting the Agency contact person listed below. Pursuant to Maine law, interested parties must be publicly notified of the proposed rulemaking, the public hearing and be provided an opportunity for comment. Any party interested in providing public comment can testify at the public hearing or provide written comments before the end of the comment period. All comments should be sent to the Agency Contact person.

THIS RULE WILL__ WILL NOT_X_ HAVE A FISCAL IMPACT ON MUNICIPALITIES.**STATUTORY AUTHORITY:** 38 MRSA Sections 580 and 585-A

PUBLIC HEARING: June 5, 2008
 9:00 a.m.
 Holiday Inn, Civic Center Drive
 Augusta

DEADLINE FOR COMMENTS: June 15, 2008

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